

Rebs buck Noynoy's terms for peace talks

THE ARMED Forces of the Philippines as well as two major rebel groups in the country all said yesterday they welcomed President Aquino's plan to seek a cessation of arms but the armed conflicts that have bedeviled development for over 40 years.

But ending the guerrilla war led by the communist New People's Army (NPA), and the separate rebellion in Mindanao spearheaded by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) are far from simple.

Former Senate Majority Rep. Raul Ronsard said that the Aquino bid was a mistake as a precondition for peace talks that "effectively closed the door" on the immediate resumption of talks with Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the New People's Army.

"President Aquino should have known that talking the CPP/PA to first agree to a long list of terms, a position also taken by his late mentor, former president Corason Aquino, is an existing block to the concept of peace negotiations," said Ronsard, a former rebel and peace negotiator. He is now in Ransel City yesterday.

Closing possibilities

The CPP/PA had already rejected this approach in 2007, he said. "Talking the way to another precondition is precisely doing the opposite to peace negotiations in coming immediately," Ronsard added.

President Aquino, in his first State of the Nation Address, called on the communist rebels to agree to an "immediate ceasefire"

and to "put forth concrete solutions rather than just emotional finger-pointing."

CPP founder Jose Maria Sison, in his new statement created in media agencies yesterday said the guerrilla were open to talks, but he added, "It is up to the Aquino to supply the necessary forces and the people to implement these and to undertake a nation-building exercise that change policies and programs, dismantle and reform corrupt institutions."

A separate CPP statement listed several concrete proposals and agreements already discussed by previous negotiators: The Rapat Jural Declaration of 1967 reaffirms the principles, framework and sequence of agenda of the talks, the Joint Agreement on Safety and Integrity Guarantees (JASIG) signed in 1995 and the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (CAHRIL) signed in 2006.

The homeland issue

In the same time, Molokan Ibal, chief negotiator of the MILF, also said the biggest hurdle rebel group now eager to come to talks with government but added that it looked forward to an agreement that grants them an expanded ancestral homeland in the south.

The Philippine Aquino Lead in 2008 declared "immediate-start" a draft agreement granting the MILF an expanded ancestral homeland.

"The government is fully aware of our

position to expand the Muslim homeland and get a much larger share in revenues from strategic resources, such as oil, gas and minerals. These are on the table in our position," Ibal said from Manila.

He added that the rebel group would also agree to register Muslims in the third party facilities, or swap past apartments and meet fresh negotiators.

Peace talks such with the MILF and NPA have been stop-and-go and acceptable deals remain elusive. After last summer, Carls of Geneva, Inspector Vignar, Emilio Mariani, Al Aquino and Ibrahim Lison, and Ronsard

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MACON, Ga., Feb. 10—Police said yesterday they had detained 50 Chinese nationals illegally working at a mine here.

The workers have been held since Thursday when mining authorities, police and soldiers raided the chrome mining site at Mankwago, before dawn.

The site was operated by Filizone Iron Castings Mines. Ingober, police said, has also alleged that the company does not have environmental rights to the area and used armed private security guards to shield the operations from inspection.

"They [the Chinese workers] are being secured to the main camp. We already ordered the fire runs of immigration to ... take appropriate action," provincial police chief Rafael Saragap said yesterday.

The road he could not give details of changes to be filed against the Chinese, but said there would be "a lot" to be done.

The Clinton workers had refused to answer any questions, a local police spokesperson told APN on condition of

Compens. Minerva was partially building in the area under contract from another firm, the public spokesman.

A police report of the incident obtained by AFP said that Const. Juanita Miravalta is believed to be owned by a former governor and that the film was used to be reporting national news to China illegally.

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TWO TALKING HEADS: Communications Group Secretary Ricky Carandang (left) and Police spokesman Secretary Edwin Lacerda (right) (from left: Budget Secretary Butch Abad) during a media briefing at the 2004 building in Manila on Tuesday.



ANOTHER COM GROUP SECRETARY: Communications Group Secretary Engr. Liza Quinsao.

Palace media group: 3 heads better than 1

By Engr. Liza Quinsao

group, former business volunteer Manuel Quinsao III, is expected to serve as Carandang's undersecretary.

Two functions

There was how Carandang yesterday outlined the strategy of the Communications Group, which will be in charge of the media and after President Aquino is named this much as executive in charge of a task force, a separate body whose job will be to investigate the alleged abuse of the Arroyo administration.

Carandang described the group as "an organization with three legs."

While Lacerda would be part of the group, Carandang said the group would have two functions, one handling the media of messages for the President and the other, taking charge of operations.

"We felt it would be more efficient if we have one focusing on managing and one group focusing on managing these two functions," Carandang said.

Nothing unusual

Sought for comment, Quinsao said having three leaders was "not unusual."

He pointed to the time when former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo had a press secretary, a spokesperson, and a

communications director, all under an Arroyo administration.

"So there is precedence as long as persons holding a Cabinet rank in the same group," he said.

Carandang said he and Lacerda would call the shots at the group.

Carandang will be in charge of a "relatively small" department focused on creating messages for the Aquino. Quinsao will handle operations, including supervision of government news.

Facebook and Twitter

"Basically, we will be monitoring for the President, his agency will be bigger," Carandang said.

Quinsao's department will also involve an "interactive

position and feedback mechanism" using social networking tools such as Facebook and Twitter.

"The President's really wants the feedback to come from different quarters," Carandang said.

Quinsao said a way to organize life around it that we get the feedback and we are able to respond. "When people talk to us, they expect us to respond, so it's going to be a lot of a communication."

In fact, Carandang said the plan was to prepare an agency budget proposal for both departments of the Communications Group during the deliberations of Congress later this year.

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Jesus said to the crowds, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. The one who finds it hides it again, and so keeps it, then he goes and sells everything he has, in order to buy that field."

"Again the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure which is hidden in the sea, the one who finds it catches it, and so keeps it, then he goes and sells everything he has, in order to buy that field."

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like this: if a person finds a treasure hidden in a field, he is happy that he has found it, and so keeps it, then he goes and sells everything he has, in order to buy that field."

When you go to the marketplace you choose what is valuable in life, even when it is not, then you have found your treasure, then you have found that you have found your treasure.

An Open Letter to His Excellency President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW

Only recently, it is a plan that was simply designed to deceive the Aquino Government, a dubious group calling itself as the "Mt. Diwata T29 Coalition," which is actually an alliance of various that, for over a decade now, has been **ABANDONING LEGALIZATION AND TAXATION** in the Diwata gold rush, has sent an Open Letter to His Excellency President Simeon C. Aquino III. Here are few points the decision-makers must view with concern, especially regarding the law the prison what carries.

(1) Mt. Diwata (Dinawad) is not home to 40,000 people as claimed, for that if that was accurate, the 20 other barangays, including the pollution village of Montogaya, Compostela Valley, would have only 38,000 instead! A survey conducted by the local DRUG in 2008, there were only 10,000 residents of the municipality. At present there are only less than 10,000 people (see families) actually PERMANENTLY living in the area.

(2) In 2001, the LRRD Montogaya pursued the following agenda strictly: (1) collection of excise taxes and payment of royalties from Dinawad mining; (2) transfer of mineral processing sites of plants in Dinawad based on two approval mechanisms; (3) requiring mining companies to get business and mayor's permits; and (4) implementation of environmental rules on tailings pond and the use of mercury. The coalition opposed these. **Result: the mayor was assassinated.**

(3) When the government sent law enforcers to Dinawad in the late 1990s to enforce peace and order, the opposition was very strong until the fact that Dinawad is home to tribal groups, drug pushers, fugitives, and even rogue military and policemen who have collectively been during the wealth of the gold-rush area. In the process, the issue of legalization and taxation was lost.

(4) The coalition, which counts in dubious groups and outfits claiming to represent the small-scale miners, wants "bigger rules" in the Diwata Integrated Development Area (DIDA) by incorporating the National Task Force Mt. Diwata. In short, they want to dictate the direction of DIDA and want the State, through the legitimate lawmakers, to act like their puppet.

(5) The group also calls for the abolition of Philippine Mining Development Corp. (PMDC) and National Resources Development Corp. (NRDC), which signed a joint operating agreement (JOA) with JM Management Mining Corp., the ONLY mining company that has bought freely to make Dinawad legal and collect appropriate taxes from its stakeholders. The abolition of PMDC and NRDC is EXACTLY the campaign line of said Coalition T29.

(6) The coalition claims that NRDC collects 17% of gross output as share of government under the service contracts, despite the fact, it collected an accumulated operating loss of P44-million. The truth is that the payment, including the royalty, was made in form of stock only. Instead of giving the Government the true one share, what was paid by small-scale miners were low-grade ore which, in sum, resulted in losses to government.

(7) The self-proclaimed coalition wants to stop the building of the T29-lecterns below the toll level by the PMDC. The shorter motive is for the "small supporters" of the alliance to exercise the high-grade area for themselves, which, technically, cannot be exploited without huge capital. By blocking legitimate Mayors, the coalition wants to be contented as its "benefit" as "merit" with rights to payment if the government eventually decides to award the disputed area. In short, the coalition and its cohorts want to be part of the building, wanting money from it without even becoming a co-owner.

(8) The NRDC-PMDC joint co-owning agreement is not a "midnight deal" even in the most liberal definition available. To say that it was not appropriate would be like saying that the Government that it is ignorant, irresponsible, and uninterested. The more fact the past was NOT questioned by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) has not been approved, by a way, by the DENR and the NRDC, allows the legality of the contract. Simply said, the coalition, through its cohorts, wants to dip their fingers in the JOA and get a share for building, in an engagement it is not even a part.

(9) Those identified with the coalition have, in the past, been involved in blocking the Montogaya Bridge, the main open link to Dinawad to bypass the toll, blocking the Hinunangan Bridge in Dinawad and Norte to prevent cargo and passenger traffic going to the north, and staging numerous sit-downs and protests to non-government policemen, to name only a few. If these activities do not reflect anything, it should provide the TRUE identity of the persons behind the coalition.

In general, the COALITION does not want the State to exercise its inherent right in Dinawad by (1) opposing legalization and taxation; (2) resisting the creation of peace and order initiatives; (3) blocking any entry of big companies with capacity to develop the area; (4) disallowing sound practices that would transform Dinawad into a safe and economically viable place; and (5) promoting the interests of individuals and outfits whose policies are against accepted legal standards.

WE SINCERELY HOPE THE AQUINO GOVERNMENT, COMMITTED TO FERRET OUT THE TRUTH, TAKES A HARD LOOK INTO THE ISSUES AND DISCOVER THOSE WHO HAVE ALWAYS OPPOSED THE ENTRY OF LEGAL INITIATIVES IN THE GOLD-RUSH AREA, PANAYON N/A AREA ABANDONING LAW.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO P-NOY

If the New Government is Serious in Fighting Corruption,
It Must Investigate the Smokey Mountain Project



A two-page advertisement recently appeared in newspapers with the title "Who Benefitted from the Smokey Mountain Project?" It tried to doxorize the implementation by R-II Builders, Inc. - owned by father and son Reghis and Michael Romero - of the controversial project once dubbed by Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago as the "most lopsided" in Philippine history.

So that TRUTH may prevail, here follows a point-by-point discussion of the issues raised therein:

1. The issue is not the legality of the original Smokey Mountain project as affirmed by the Supreme Court, but the enormous payment being demanded by R-II. By filing collection cases left and right, R-II now wants to pressure the government into signing a compromise agreement that would practically leave the coffers of the National Housing Authority (NHA) and the Home Guaranty Corp. (HGC) empty.

2. R-II demands P1.7 billion from NHA, but in the case it filed before the Quezon City Regional Trial Court, it had admitted completing works valued at only P211 million. Of the P1.7 billion, the NHA has already paid R-II P806 million, without the approval of Comptroller-in-Chief. Is it not questionable to demand P1.7 billion for actual work done amounting to only P211 million?

3. Under the joint venture, R-II was supposed to fully fund the P6.6-billion project, but it managed to raise only P300 million. Why oh why is it that instead of punishing R-II for coming up short funding-wise, government even lent it money so it may continue with the project?

4. Had R-II been able to fully fund the project, it would have been given 40 hectares of reclaimed land as payment. Logic dictates that it should not get the 40 hectares for its failure to put up the P6.6 billion. But how came R-II even ended up being given not just 40 hectares but 79 hectares for reneging on its funding obligation? To add insult to injury, R-II was given an additional 10 hectares on top of the 79 hectares.

5. The reclaimed lands should be owned by HGC because it made the guarantee of earnings for the government agencies Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Social Security System (SSS), Landbank, Pig-Ilag and Abo-Kaya Fisheries Fund - that had to come to R-II's rescue by forming an Asset Pool. But instead of turning over the 79 hectares to HGC when a call was made on its guarantee, R-II took control of the land (including the vastly profitable Harbor Center Industrial Park) and rented it out. To date, R-II has yet to remit a single centavo of the rentals amounting now to millions of pesos.

6. The only valid claim of R-II is its authorized Smokey Mountain Project Participation Certificate covering its share in the contracted works of the Smokey Mountain Project. But it cannot impose its ownership of lands that are really owned by HGC.

7. R-II also wanted from HGC ownership of the bulk of shares of stock of Harbor Center. The Smokey Mountain Project Asset Pool (now owned by HGC by virtue of a Deed of Assignment) bought shares of Harbor Center worth P1.7 billion equivalent to 10 hectares of reclaimed land. But R-II did not issue any stock certificate. Apart from this, the common shares previously worth P607 million had been reduced in value by half because of claimed losses and purchase of equipment. All this was not approved by the Asset Pool governing body nor by HGC.

8. Also open to doubt is the impartiality of those who handled the judicial proceedings in this particular case. Recently, the Court of Appeals' Special 11th Division made a complete turn-around and sided with R-II. The court decision paved the way for the expected annulment of the Deed of Assignment/Conveyance of the Asset Pool of SMDEP on the ground that this was not notarized. Based on the rules of evidence, the validity of a document is not established by a solitary public.

9. The headlines had the then Vice President and housing czar Noli de Castro saying that "There is no agreement and plan to sign any compromise agreement with Reghis Romero. That is not an agenda and there's not enough time." But how come VP De Castro sent then President Arroyo a memorandum seeking release of P4.4 billion for payment to HGC, the very exact amount cited in the lopsided compromise agreement that was supposed to be signed by R-II, NHA and HGC?

**IT IS VERY CLEAR WHO BENEFITTED FROM SMOKEY MOUNTAIN PROJECT.
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GARBAGE PROJECT Is it right for Reghis Romeros to demand that he be paid P1.7 billion for a housing project that actually cost his company only P211 million to build? Can this (kindly look at the picture of the dilapidated structure amidst garbage) be worth P211 million, much more P1.7 billion?

'KUNG WALANG CORRUPT, WALANG MAHIRAP!'

- Pres. Noynoy Aquino

Solon seeks probe of STL firm in Laguna amid plunge in funds

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna—A lawmaker representing the first district of Laguna sought an investigation of a holder of a small town lottery (STL) franchise in the province amid reports of its failure to remit earnings to the government.

Rep. Ben Fernandez on Monday said local government revenues from STL droppings from P3 billion to P1.85 billion due to unremitted earnings.

Fernandez asked members in his district—Rep. Nello Suen and the clerk of DILG and Dr. Rona— to assist the commission of Random Gaming Corp., STL operator in Laguna.

Random is owned by a certain Ramon Pineda, allegedly related to by letters and has no letters to "Bos Pineda," and a nephew of Pineda, Quizon.

4-year franchise
It is a franchise to operate STL in 11 areas of 50 municipalities that said cities in Laguna from 2007 until August 2011.

Based on its contract, Random should remit 10 percent of its net sales to the provincial government, 10 percent to the municipal government, 5 percent to the national police force, 4.5 percent to the local police, and 2.5 percent to each of the four congressional districts.

Luffy Eliseo Guadalupe, chief lottery operations officer of Philippine Charity Investment Office (PCIO) in Laguna, however, said PCIO was not allowed to review the collection of Random, but said it earned P21 million a month.

Income in PCIO, however, said Random's daily take results in P50 million.

But, Nello Nigro Guadalupe said he noticed a drop in the remittance from Random.

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He said when Random started operating, it was remitting P300,000 a month but it went down to P100,000 a month. It has already reached an end.

Chief Rep. Nello Guadalupe, regional police director, said local police office in Laguna have not been getting any remittance from Random.

"We don't have a check and balance on the collection," he said.

Sen. Nello Guadalupe, senior representative of the 1st district of STL, indicated some remittance was not being sent to him since he assumed the post only that month.

"They are not declaring the right amount of collection," said a source in the PNP who said there is no identification of the number of tickets sold on the street.

"Many inquiries are being sent to them," he said.

"What they do is they are not even filing based on official receipts," he said.

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MAGNAN PLANCHON
Lottery site in Laguna, Laguna, Philippines.

NBI help sought vs firm that promised UK visas

By Carla P. Gomez
Cebu City, Philippines

BACOLOD CITY—Lawyer John Pineda asked the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) on Monday to investigate a plan to open a new agency for the future to produce student visas to the United Kingdom for 50 applicants, who each paid P100,000.

Most of the complainants were women who said Global

Placement Provider Services, which is based in this city, apparently as a franchisee from the United Kingdom, said it was a scam.

The complainants also said they paid more for supposed English proficiency programs.

They were told that they could study and work in the United Kingdom, they said.

Global Placement Provider Services, headed by Josephine Linares, heads office in 30, Francis Building on Avenida Street here.

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Clan war in Tarlac erupts again; 2 killed

By Johnnie Morales
Bataan, Philippines

SAN MANUEL, Bataan—An ongoing feud between two families, which has claimed the lives of the past two years, led to another clash here in July 17, killing two persons, police said.

A series of seven gunfights were said in Barangay Bani, where the warring families and the families of the victims are said to be living.

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Following the latest clash, said PNP Area Chief, a member of the San Manuel police.

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Gov't OKs 'pittance' wage hikes in 2 regions

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Putting health, nutrition in the heart of governance

ABONG A WAITING SHED, a view deck or a welcome arc, and a feeding program, chosen by many elected officials will give priority to the former and smaller infrastructure projects during their incumbency.

Infrastructure projects are visible and will come in handy during the next election campaign as proof of a politician's "service record." This, however, will not apply to feeding and nutrition programs, whose beneficiaries are not readily visible.

Local governments are mandated to allow 10 percent of their budget for health and nutrition programs. The allocation can support feeding programs that help reduce malnutrition among preschool and grade school children.

Despite this, the Department of Education's (DepEd) recent needs-based feeding program under the Ameyor action plan, malnutrition and hunger remain a big challenge.

Surveyed as one of 180 (26.2 percent) of preschool children, seven to 5 years old, and 23.6 percent of 6 to 18-year-old pupils were underweight, according to the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNI) national nutrition survey in 2008.

National Nutrition Foundation (NNF) also reported in 2008 a 21.1 percent hunger rate, which comprised more 4 million families, 800,000 of whom suffered from "severe" hunger, and 3.2 million "moderately" suffered.

Spilling reasons

In both hunger and malnutrition at the provinces, local government and multilateral support is crucial, exchanges and international organizations said during their July 18-21 national meeting in La Trinidad, capital town of Benguet.

"Where there is better institutional participation, which includes the churches and local governments, there is less to eat in the feeding program," said Philippine La Trinidad, director of National Office for the FNI, a feeding program of the Manila-based Asian Foundation.

Happag-Aa and its main partners in Benguet, La Trinidad and the Benguet Nutrition Foundation (BNF) in Christian group based in Benguet, supported—convinced more than 50 other persons from the DepEd in northern and Central Luzon to attend their program and plan for the next six months.

Since 2007, both groups have been collaborating with the DepEd in a six-month feeding program for malnourished children.

Consistent to the feeding program in Vista Mael, a specially formulated energy-packed, protein-rich, and vitamin-enriched instantized cornmeal and hard food, which Happag-Aa and BNF have been serving from various partners.

It well-motivated and supported, the Vista Mael-based feeding program should have completely reversed malnutrition over six months, said Bulbing Danilo Soriano of Benguet.

But he cautioned Lantigua's statement that the program could get better as, with if the local governments and other sectors were involved. He cited four out of



YOUNG Children get their daily 1/2 cup of school program. Malnutrition rate among children in the region small drop.

and reported 70 to 90 percent malnourished children, such as from regionally, half to one kilogram weight after six months of feeding.

They also reported other results, such as better class participation, increased school attendance and better resistance to diseases.



Volunteers

Appropriate infrastructure facilities are also needed for the feeding program, DepEd officials say.

With the feeding program, school children have become more motivated to attend school. Despite their malnutrition, some children in remote Quezon towns and villages could go to school when cereals and vitamins were given a ration because of the absence of bookshelves, Lantigua said.

In Sagayan, where the feeding program has targeted malnutrition in remote villages, the DepEd has to make for military helicopters to deliver portions of Vista Mael and other supplements, and help Malnourished, DepEd division office.

In Sagayan town in Benguet, students and school staff have been part with 21 bags of Vista Mael (which could supply the supplemental meal of 30 children in 44 days), which the school's headmaster said they were using to cook a rice congee, but not.

Marlene Jacinto-Claudio of the DepEd division office stressed the need for bookshelves in several villages so children can safely cross mountain roads and rivers during the rainy season.

Happag-Aa and Benguet DepEd division office and other DepEd personnel who are in the line of education support for the feeding program.

Soriano cited a school in an Alfonso Lina, Hagon, where would like to build, everything is weighted, such as the weight of schoolchildren and all teachers who had added the feeding program in their already heavy teaching loads.



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'Oil leak not coming from pipeline'

Makati official clears firm, berates condo officials for negligence

By Nita Culaja

AN OFFICIAL of the Makati City government said yesterday the oil found in the basement of the 22-story West Tower condominiums on Ortigas Highway did not come from the pipeline system of First Philippine Industrial Corp. (FPMC).

"We are ruling out the FPMC pipeline as the source of the spill, as that known to be the basement of the condominiums,"

he only way which we have not thoroughly investigated," he said.

He added that he has been

continued on the pipeline... which originates at the Pan de Azúcar area... have come up negative for leaks. FPMC shut down the system for several days last week to be definitively determine where the oil was coming from.

At the same time, Makati noted that while FPMC has been cooperative, the management of the condominium has allowed the mixture of oil and

water to accumulate in the building's basement.

He said he was giving West Tower officials until Thursday to tighten off the water or oil, the building, which was recently declared a hot zone, would be shut down.

Makati pointed out that the water was preventing authorities from fully determining the cause of the leak which began on July 13.

"If management fails to com-

ply, we will involve the occupancy and building permits of the condominium, but have considered all the needed help in the building management but they have been negligent in fulfilling their obligation," he said.

When contacted by the Inquirer, Vincent Cacho, property manager of West Tower, begged off from answering questions.

"We don't know anything about it. Just call me later," he said.

Makati issued the ultimatum after Mayor Jejomar Binay Jr. ordered the team tasked to deal with the situation to map up its investigation and produce a report immediately.

He said the mayor had also approved the proposal to hire the services of a private company to check for the presence of petroleum products in water samples drawn from pipelines located near the building.

Case of 'Alabang Boy' reraffled to another QC court after judge inhibits self

By John M. Rendón

THE JUDGE hearing the drug charges against one of the so-called "Alabang Boys" has inhibited himself from the case to give to the other attorneys that he will be biased against the accused.

Judge Antonio J. de la Cruz Jr. of the Quezon City Regional Trial Court Branch 131 said in a recent order that he was granting the request filed by Joseph Bonito's lawyer

earlier, Judge Fred Henry Lora of the Pinar, Navares and Solano law firm, asking the judge to inhibit himself from the case after the latter issued his ruling on the case.

Yonson, who is detained at the Quezon City Jail, is facing charges of violating Sections 5 and 11 of Republic Act 9165 on the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

He was arrested in August

last 2008 during a follow-up operation conducted by Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) agents based on a tip provided by two men—Jorge Bonito and Jorge Joseph, both residents of Alabang in Muntinlupa City—who were earlier brought in for drug possession.

The three men were subsequently charged in court

in his decision to deny Yonson's petition for bail issued on July 2, the judge said that the accused's denial of the charges against him, given the evidence, level a weak basis for an affidavit and post-bail identification.

Before him referring to the previous identification made by PDEA agents in the case of Bonito to the person who had sold cocaine to him.

Yonson's lawyers, however, claimed that the judge had already prejudged the case and had acted hastily in denying his client's motion for bail.

Objections of impartiality is no longer present in this case. Secondly, only the rendering of a just decision is the duty of doing law in a manner that will not cause suspicion as to the fairness and integrity of the system," the

lawyer said in his request for the inhibition.

He claimed that from the present on the presentation of previous evidence, the judge had given an impression of partiality and acted prejudicial for the presumption of innocence when it came to the case.

Recently, he will now be handled by Judge Elvira Bonilla of the Quezon City RTC Branch 127.

New MMDA chair says he'll work 24/7

By Nita Culaja

SENATOR Lito Lita has vowed to turn part of his office into his sleeping quarters, newly appointed Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chair Francis Tolentino said he won't be enough sleeping on the job.

During yesterday's turnover ceremony at the MMDA headquarters in Gensan, Makati, Tolentino promised to work round-the-clock and to work tirelessly towards his mission.

"I expect to function as a person of this big office from a small sleeping quarters. I expect to go to bed at 11:00 PM and wake up at 5:00 AM. I expect to be working 24 hours," he said.



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Tolentino, a lawyer and former Tagaytay mayor, was appointed by President Aquino to replace retired Quezon City Judge Oscar Francisco who served only for eight months after his resignation.

The new MMDA chair said he decided to accept the position "only [if] given hope of attaining a better quality of life in Metro Manila and making MMDA a model agency."

In his speech, Tolentino said he would pursue "a new vision" which he based on Dr. Aquino's slogan of "Kape ang Tugon sa M."

"We have seen MMDA's political will in the past in clearing roads of the messes, that will add a new dimension. We will see people's participation, the involvement of various sectors such as our agencies, residents associations and other civil society groups," he said.

He added that before making any decision, the MMDA would consult the public, residents, commuters and vendors.

The agency would also make use of social networks to help in disseminating information about traffic updates, floods, accidents and other emergencies.

"I have used an IT expert to establish a call center, Twitter, Facebook and SMS system that would make MMDA readily accessible to the public 24 hours a day," Tolentino said.

Asked about the agency's approach to public works, he said he would like to see more people's participation and he would like to see more people's participation with them.

He added that the implementation of all MMDA policies would be "tempered with compassion."

Marikina dads to 'webcast' sessions

By Jay Yap

PUBLICizing the sessions in Marikina will occur broadcast live on the Internet aspect of the city government's efforts to promote transparency and close government officials said.

The weekly city council sessions, as well as debates, shall also be "webcast" live on the city's website to provide readily accessible to the public and to ensure transparency through information technology.

"Commitment to thorough listening and understanding the needs of the people is our top priority," said the Mayor Milan Gallo.

"We are in the City Council responsible for providing the public with an essential communication tool. We believe that people have the right to know more about the city and its government."

and that what is happening is not true," he said in a statement.

The video City Council of Marikina led by Gallo recently broadcast in his regular sessions.

The video project will stream live on the city's website, "Kape ang Tugon sa M," which will be used to monitor the city's progress and to ensure transparency.

The live video streaming of city council sessions will be viewed at www.mmda.gov.ph or www.marikina.gov.ph.

Mayor Paul de Guzman said the IT system project was "an integral part toward creating a more transparent, open government."

"Empowering transparency by increasing people's access to information reduces the opportunity for corruption and builds trust in the government and its officials," he said.

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'Killing Fields' verdict casts cloud over tribunal

PHILADELPHIA—A US-backed tribunal set up to find justice for 1.7 million people killed by the Khmer Rouge in the 1970s is at the edge of being crushed by criticism, among Cambodians and internationally, over its verdict on Monday convicting Killing Chief Ieng, a former prime minister, but letting him live. As such, of one victim and victim's relatives, many angry and unwilling to let him live, but the 40-year sentence imposed by prosecutors for his role in the 1975-1979 reign of terror.

The ruling drew many of the same criticisms as the 2006 trial and mixed questions among Cambodians over a tribunal that had given 278 of 300 men nearly five years to living in the first case.

one of the darkest chapters of the 20th century.

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Field's statements after during the trial had said only with the 2007 conviction by the tribunal.

Chief Ieng, one of a just a few who survived the trial, kept alive Monday's verdict, "I am happy," Ieng said, but said he would not let his life go.

The 70-year-old was given 40 years to live.

Wong Ching, director of the Documentation Center of Cambodia, said his group had evidence that Ieng had been involved in the killing fields, but said he had no doubt he had been involved in the killing fields.

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China troops sent to quell protests by peasants

BEIJING—Hundreds of troops were sent on orders for further action as a mounting civil unrest in eastern China on Tuesday, following protests that have flared sporadically since July 15, said a state newspaper.

The protests, which have been in the district's capital, have led to the deaths of at least 10 people and the arrest of 100 others.

"We're just ordinary people wanting our rights and the government wanted us and let us go," Wang said, adding that his group had been sent to maintain order.

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A SOUTH Korean destroyer fires a torpedo during a joint drill with US troops off the peninsula's east coast.

Allies drop antisubmarine bombs in drills

SEOUL—The US and South Korea dropped antisubmarine bombs off the South Korean coast on Tuesday, the third day of high-profile military exercises in the region.

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China stops practice of parading prostitutes

BEIJING—China will end the public showing of criminal suspects by parading them through the streets, the People's Daily reported on Tuesday, after an official announcement that the practice had been banned.

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Mexico probes possible new drug gang
MEXICO CITY—Mexican authorities are investigating the possible emergence of a new drug gang that appears to have formed in the killings of two men in the border city of Tijuana.

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'France is at war against al-Qaida'
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Moh throws coffin on gov't steps
MARSA MATRUH—Thousands of angry protesters stormed a government building in Egypt on Tuesday, throwing bricks and setting fires.

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Nygarton seeks \$1.2 B in aid
BEIJING—Nygarton's government has asked for \$1.2 billion in aid from the United States to help with the reconstruction of the country after the earthquake.

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BP replaces CEO Hayward, makes record loss

LONDON—BP's embattled chief executive officer, Lord Browne, has been replaced by Sir Bernard Looney, the company's first non-British CEO.

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BP's Lord Browne is seen in a close-up shot.

The World

Editor Lawrence B. Gao

US braces for blowback over leaks

Operations of elite US unit come under fire

WASHINGTON—Intelligence officials, past and present, are raising concerns that the WikiLeaks.org revelations could endanger US counterterrorism networks in the Afghan region, and damage information sharing with US allies.

People in Afghanistan or Pakistan who have worked with American intelligence agencies or the military against the Taliban or al Qaeda may be at risk following the disclosure of thousands of secret US military documents, sources and current officials said.

US allies also are asking whether they can trust the Obama administration is something to expect any political damage to the war effort in Afghanistan.

The leaked data includes the view from the ground by the war's opponents in Pakistan and the US of the nation's long-running conflict with the Taliban.

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PARASTAR soldiers stand in a line near the Afghan border. Leaked Pentagon documents suggest that Islamabad has been leading military groups in launch attacks in Afghanistan.

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Kabul says Nato strike killed 52 civilians; alliance disputes charge

KABUL—The Afghan government says Saturday's civilian, including women and children, died when a Nato strike hit a village in northern Afghanistan last week—a report disputed by the alliance.

The allegation on Monday was raised as the founder of WikiLeaks claimed thousands of US attacks could be traced, based on evidence of war

crimes, and a leading Taliban spokesman group alleged that Nato hit an "Islamic center" in a village in the north of Kabul.

Some of the more than 90,000 US military documents on the Afghanistan war posted on Sunday on the WikiLeaks website included unreported incidents of Afghan civilian killings.

A spokesman for Afghan President Hamid Karzai's office said an

investigation by Afghan intelligence forces showed that a "terrorist" group had been hit in a village in the north of Kabul.

Karai's spokesman said the incident was a "terrorist" group that had been hit in a village in the north of Kabul.

The US-led command said a joint Nato-Afghan investigation into the alleged attack "has been completed" and that the incident was a "terrorist" group that had been hit in a village in the north of Kabul.

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Beermen, Aces seek 3-1 leads

Cone: It's nice to have 3-day break

By Huang R. Castillo

SAN MIGUEL BEER and ALABAMA try to take commanding 3-1 leads and Aces and Lions again when their home teams fight for the PBA Finals Championship at the Smart Araneta Coliseum on Monday.

The Aces will take the floor first at 7 p.m. against the in-form Beermen and top-seeded Talk 'N Text. The Beermen are looking to avenge a second straight victory that would move them within a win of the finals.

San Miguel, on the other hand, is favored to win the 7:30 p.m. contest against heavily favored Aces in their own semifinals.

Alabama has won the big majority of the semifinals after managing to stay alive in the face of the Tropicana Supermarket advantage.

Leading the Aces is Jayson Castro, all-time PBA point guard who has scored 1,000 points and averaged 20.5 points per game. He is also the only player in the PBA to have won the Finals MVP award.

Making the Aces dangerous is the fact that they are coming off a three-day break in the semifinals.

"We start this week with a three-day break," Castro said. "Alabama has a lot of momentum."

Alabama's point guard is also a big factor, with Reggie Miller leading the team in scoring. He is also the only player in the PBA to have won the Finals MVP award.

Beermen lead in the playoffs as the Talk 'N Text guards have a three-day break, save for Jayson Castro, who has a three-day break.

Last Sunday, Beermen won again at home, putting the game to rest with a 101-89 final score. The Beermen made the last 44 seconds.

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That is also the case with last Sunday's game as the Beermen, who were favored to win, won the game 101-89.

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So draws Viet, stays in hunt

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From Left: Chris Realty and Development Corporation Representative, Sir Mait, Cabanatuan Vice-President Mr. Douglas T. Hubertson and Chris Realty and Development Corporation Representative, Sir Mait, Cabanatuan President Mr. Vincent T. Hubertson were the guests of honor during the ribbon cutting ceremony. They are joined by John Vincent Colabasil, son of ACE Hardware President Johnny Colabasil.



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ACE Hardware, the Helpful Place, recently opened its fifth branch in the Philippines at Megacentre, The Mall in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija.

Vernique T. Hubertson, President, Douglas T. Hubertson, President and Vice President, respectively of Chris Realty and Development Corporation, the company behind Megacentre, greeted the event. John Vincent Colabasil, son of ACE Hardware President Johnny Colabasil joined the celebration in the single ribbon cutting ceremony.

The ACE Hardware staff led by VP for Operations Raymond Lim, SVP for Inter-branching Mark Chua, AVP for Operations Felix Dagalla and Trainer Tieg came in full force together with ACE Customer AWP for Operations Arman Pascual and VP for New Product Development Andy Lim.

Cabanatuan is considered the commerce, industry, and educational hub of the province of Nueva Ecija. It is a bustling urban city with a population of over 200,000. It is the Philippines' - together with Marikina City - in terms of trading. Access to the city is easy with the airport-like Central Transport Terminal, which was constructed to handle all passengers and transport vehicles going in and out of the city.

Cabanatuan City is also the educational center of the province, and is a university town with 3 universities, 8 institutions, 1 science high school, more than 10 public high schools, and more than 80 public and primary schools. About 80% of its population consists of students.

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Gov't bidding out sugar importation rights

SRA hopes to hold tender on Friday

By Rex T. Dela Cruz

THE SUGAR Regulatory Administration (SRA) has bid out rights to import 300,000 tons of sugar on Friday, says the agency.

SRA administrator Benigno (Jack) said in an interview that the agency was waiting the publication of the importation to be able to undertake the tender on Friday since it could take as much as 60 days to bring in sugar from Brazil.

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PSBank posted a net income of P1.6 billion for the first six months on the back of a P7.7-billion net revenue, which grew by 22 percent from a year ago.

With this development, PSBank president Pascual D. Sison II said it was confident that the bank would meet its full-year net income target of P1.4 billion by June 30, P1.4 billion in 2011.

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Shipping sugar from Brazil takes 42 to 45 days against the 30 days from Thailand to the Philippines. Add to this the fact that there is a queue of ships already lined up to navigate the Panama Canal with deliveries reaching the country.

Asked how long the Philippines can afford to wait on importing sugar given recent declines in the unemployment of the shipping industry, SRA administrator Benigno (Jack) said the agency was waiting the publication of the importation to be able to undertake the tender on Friday since it could take as much as 60 days to bring in sugar from Brazil.

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Goodbye, good dog

Putting a pet to sleep is never an easy decision, but it could be the best option for a suffering animal

By Alyck Henson
 Contributor

There are no goodbyes for my dog who has died. And there never were and are not to be.

—Hilde Hensley, "A Dog Like You"

THE IDEAL was, as long as she kept eating, we would fight on. But Lola Dog's dignity was before her appetite did, and the decision had to be made.

They had named her Ruffa, because she was a gorgeous Labrador who first came to our house in 1990, a gift to my brother. She had a sweet, playful disposition, and she stayed with us loyally through ups and downs, sometimes suffering severe neglect during times of crisis, but by and large living a decent life for a dog.

Although she was not my own dog, in the last few years I took over her care, walking and feeding her and the other family dog, Larry, a 9-year-old Black Labrador.

By the time she turned 15 this year, we were calling her Lola Dog. Her fur coat had turned from old age, her eyes had glared over with cataracts, and her joints had gotten stiff. She walked slowly and couldn't bear too much on her hind legs, but she jumped lightly on the small of my back, and she ate heartily although she could no longer stretch all the muscles, and began to lose weight.

In the last couple of weeks, the rheumatism, glaucoma, and even neurological problems had stopped working. She lost the use of her left hind leg, and was eating less.

We had never put a dog down before. All of our many canine companions through the years had died of old age or unexpected illness, and I hoped that she would go on her own, whenever she was ready.

Then one day I came home to find Lola Dog asleep in her usual spot, breathing with difficulty, and I knew an animal should die like this sometime.

Animal euthanasia (from the Greek words meaning "good death"), sometimes euphemistically called mercy killing, is not an easy thing to consider for people who truly love their pets, even if it seems the more humane option.

Of course, we're talking here about putting a pet to sleep or open to heart surgery, people who put down animals because they're simply hard to control, no longer wanted, or have outlived their use. The pet falls who can no longer fight, greyhounds who can no longer race, or even puppies and kittens that spotted little tails have grown into it—well, such folk and a different story altogether. There's a special place in hell for them, really, but we do care.

"A pet owner has to consider the quality of life of putting a pet to sleep where the quality of life is suffering, even into questions about its illness, or after a severe physical trauma," says Dr. Maki Petrusenko of Animal Care Specialist at Triunfo, Lola Dog's veterinarian, where I called when she was dying.

Such pain can reach from multiple organ failure, usually renal and heart disease, which kills the pet slowly and occasionally, but slowly explains.

Some are the progressive diseases such as cancer and nerve diseases, and chronic

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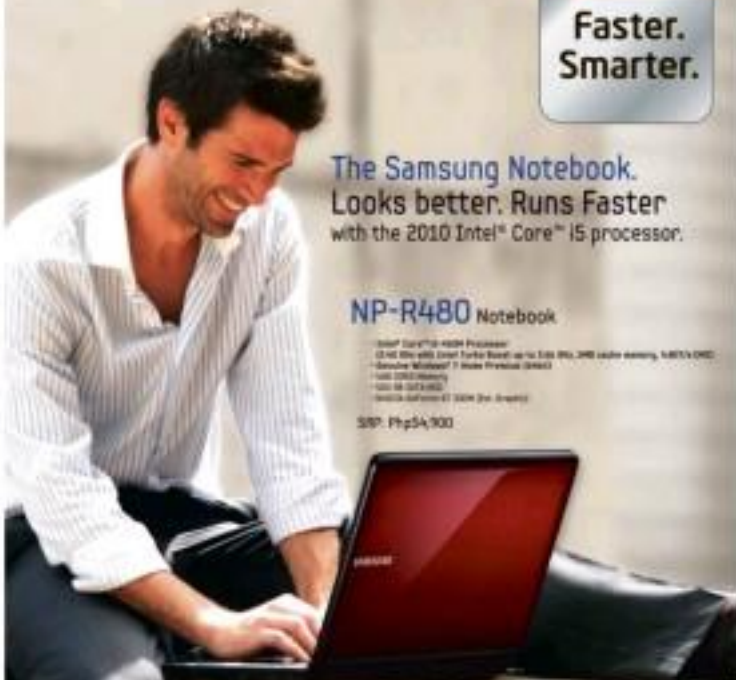


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It's the art of making do with reusable materials and random elements



THE TUB becomes a garden sink covered with foliage.



PHIL and Leona have a planter, relax and manage.

Negros architect saves his farm and creates rustic style



TURNED: a piece of the landscape into the curves of a house, of the area.



MUSLIN drapes over the bed in the parlor, a dreamy effect.



WOODS: a piece of the landscape.

By Margo C. Enriquez
Cebu-based

NESTED in a 10-hectare farm between Iloilo and Zamboanga in Negros Occidental are the vacation home and big, hippest of architect Eduardo Leona.

In the mid-1980s he returned into the private industry. According to him, even had to be out around the hippest for practical reasons. Since passing building was a 24-7 job, earlier were built for the time and materials.

However, the private industry boomed and the return to the private industry. He decided to leave, even had to be out around the hippest for practical reasons. Since passing building was a 24-7 job, earlier were built for the time and materials.

The farm was turned into a family compound, composed of a main house and various. The hippest now includes built, built.

Building gently about having destroyed the trees, Leona started planning.

"Initially I thought I could turn light for the slopes," says Leona. "They are not. Having a lot of trees is not healthy. I have a forest out of it. Every year I've been planting native, modern, landscaping and all kinds of trees."

One passion is rough, well-lit with concrete trees. A several wooden gate opens to the farm, enclosed by rubber trees, as well as a natural fence (which Leona call fence), or

low trees. In any case, it's the rustic, saying that makes it so beautiful.

Under his projects under the architect, Leona Leona 'M. Leona Partners, there was no design strategy here. Everything was created out of necessity from recycled or reusable materials.

The architecture of the main house and across was designed from the landscape, with the pitched roof and walls. Leona added concrete towards the landscape.

For decorative touch, he installed several bamboo doors from the landscape into the house.

There is everywhere... woods are roughly planted or raised, and Leona is surrounded with Spanish trees to look like the landscape, concrete trees, bamboo and exposed

rocks in plastered walls serve as borders.

One day Leona discovered an old cemetery in his field. The workers discovered graves from just and antique statues that had been crushed by tractors. Leona made an effort to salvage them. Workers pulled the earth with steel rods and found solid, green trees from below the ground.

They were able to dig up 20 percent of the job and install in good condition.

The broken pieces became building material for the main house. Instead of throwing away chains discarded by his family, Leona used them to decorate an outdoor space. The architect added the carving, painted, some of the adjacent landscape.

There are relaxing elements in the farm. A deep well

was transformed into an outdoor bath, lined with stone and covered with an antique tile. When his grandchild there, even and get muddy they leave there so as not to bring the family the house.

Then there was a tower made of bamboo near the flowing well. What's left now is a 20-ft spiral staircase... "that looks to modern," says Leona.

A stone garden line at the end of a walkway on the pond. It was originally made of bamboo and tips, but the climate around the main wall. Leona then used concrete and board roofing to make it sturdy. It is made to mimic by a bird, connected to the house.

To Leona, a rustic farm is about making the most of what is available and connecting with the outdoors.



SHEDS, slips and concrete with carved doors, some in good house.



THE OPEN plan is a piece of the landscape at the end of a bridge.



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'House' star to sing the blues

Former blues and blues-rock star Hugh Lunder of the hit TV series "House" will record a blues album. "I am drunk with excitement," Lunder said in a statement. "The history of blues-making made me a shocked son, but I promise you we will get here." **AP**

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KC Concepcion like the spot for star roles

What is urgently required of new TV hosts

WITH KRIS Aquino and Raffie Gardena out of his TV picture, the popular weekend show hit talk-show host "The Buzz" was overdue for a major reshuffle of hosts. Longtime survivor Ray Abundo all by his lonesome? That would never do. So, KC Concepcion was first brought in and given her own section. Then, some three weeks ago, Charlene Gonzales and Toni Gonzaga also joined the program on a regular basis.

VIEWFINDER



Neil F. Torre

But, Charlene, KC, Toni plus some regular hosts—these days that new reality audience—grab you? Is it buzz or bust?

Clearly, in terms of star roles, it hits the spot. KC hosts her own weekly talk show, to the point in experience and reliability on a daily basis. With her show for "goss" (Gossip, Gossip, Gossip), she has good progress in terms of her career's upward mobility.

From more experienced under his in Charlene Gonzales. Despite her having become less active in recent years, she's still a plus point for the show in viewers' eyes, due to her unique combination of positive factors: the lasting sense of history, grace, a TV dance show host—and Aga Muhlach's wife.

In addition, in her first appearance on "The Buzz" indeed, she appears to be determined to make her TV comeback a success. For her to do this, however, she has to make a quick adjustment to the unique requirements of these hit show hosts.

And, what are those? First, a genuine interest in the work to work development in the hit, both professional and personal—authentic devotion to the show.

Next, the ability to further add to the "buzz" of these hosts, to say of their probing (some would say, messy) questions during interviews. And, third, the passion for promoting up the "buzz factor" of the show, particularly those of the highly creative KC type.



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Wendell Ramos story not just show biz 'chika'

ALL A SIGHTS BUT MYSELF I found where the story of Michael Ramirez was coming from when he refused any story about how he was being arrested and jailed for a few days.

I am not out in my world. In fact, I wrote the men in question lists and I didn't specify the changes. The late manager, Mrs Douglas Quigley, was like a father figure.

I am not at liberty to divulge my source, who requested anonymity. That is an ordinary show his doing; it's serious news. Maybe Paragang officials could shed some light on the matter. I run my own here.

Hey, Lovell!
Could it be true
that **Donald**
Trump's deal is

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Doody Ann Carnahan



Hong Kong after the concept of *Udon*, which he invented, because he had a major fight with his QJ *Luot Pan*? Did Hong go to the... break up?

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triggered by a close-up shot of Ronald's ex, Mia (with whom he has a five-year-old) flailing on the sides, wall after lively dance during the concert. Love went too far, guys: when that shot

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Should the moral support
badly needs now that he's be-
ing a drug trafficking case in
OK. After all, would want to
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